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SUBJECT: GROWTH OF OIL OUTPUT FROM TYUMEN DEPENDS ON NEW
FIELDS, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ELECTRICITY

SUMMARY: FURTHER INCREASES IN OIL OUTPUT IN TYUMEN DEPEND
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ON OPENING UP NEW FIELDS. THIS, IN TURN, IS DIRECTLY
DEPENDENT ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND THE PROVISION OF ELEC-
TRICITY, ACCORDING TO THE CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S ECONOMIC
WEEKLY, "EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA." EIGHT NEW FIELDS ARE
NEEDED THIS YEAR, AS IS A ONE-THIRD INCREASE IN DRILLING.
END SUMMARY.

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1. "EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA" NO. 17 (APRIL 17), WINDS UP ITS COVERAGE OF BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO SIBERIA AND THE FAR EAST AND CARRIES AN UNSIGNED "SURVEY" OF THE OIL AND GAS COMPLEX OF SIBERIA ON PAGE TWO. AS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON HAVE FULL TEXT, WE NOTE ONLY THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

-- WESTERN SIBERIA PRODUCED 218.3 MMT OF OIL (INCLUDING GAS CONDENSATE) IN 1977; THE GOAL FOR 1978 IS 254 MMT, AND FOR 1980, 315 MMT.

-- PRODUCTION FOR EARLIER YEARS: 1964, 0.2 MMT; 1965, 1; 1970, 31.4; 1975, 148; AND 1976, 181.7. TYUMEN OBLAST' PRODUCED 460 MMT DURING THE NINTH FYP (1971-1975) AND PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR 1978 IS ALMOST 250 MMT.

-- CAPITAL INVESTMENT BY GLAVTYUMENNEFTEGAZ WILL EXCEED 1.6 BILLION RUBLES THIS YEAR, PRIMARILY ON NEW CONSTRUCTION.

-- GLAVTYUMENNEFTEGAZSTROY HAS PLEDGED TO COMPLETE 480 MILLION RUBLES' WORTH OF INSTALLATION AND SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION WORK IN 1978 HAVING DONE 441 MILLION IN 1977 AND 376 MILLION IN 1976. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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-- HOWEVER IN A SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPH IT IS SAID THAT THIS YEAR'S PLAN ENVISAGES THAT THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION WILL INCREASE THE ABOVE KIND OF WORK BY ALMOST 100 MILLION RUBLES BY COMPARISON WITH 1977. (THIS FIGURE APPARENTLY REFERS TO CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS BUT NOT COMPLETED.)

-- THE ORGANIZATION COMPLETED OIL AND GAS-FIELD WORK IN TYUMEN OBLAST' WORTH HALF A BILLION RUBLES DURING THE 1971-1975 PERIOD AND THISRK IS TO EXCEED 2.5 BILLION RUBLES IN THE TENTH FYP (1976-80).

-- REGULAR AND SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN OIL AND ASSOCIATED GAS IS CONNECTED WITH THE OPENING UP OF NEW FIELDS.

-- IN THE 12 YEARS UP TO 1975, 18 NEW FIELDS WERE BROUGHT IN. THIS YEAR 8 MORE MUST BE BROUGHT IN AND DRILLING MUST BE INCREASED BY A THIRD.

-- MORE RAPID OPENING UP OF NEW FIELDS (NOW) IS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON THE STATUS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY.

-- HOUSING CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY UNDER PLAN,
AND IT WAS 95,000 SQUARE METERS SHORT IN 1977.

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2. COMMENT: THE PROJECTED OUTPUT FIGURES FOR 1978 AND
1980 INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO GO
ON RISING, THE RATE OF INCREASE WILL BEGIN TO DECLINE
EVEN IN WEST SIBERIA (I.E., A 35.7 MMT TON INCREASE IN
1978 OVER 1977, BUT ONLY A 61 MMT TON INCREASE IN THE

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SUCCEEDING TWO YEARS). SINCE THE WEST SIBERIAN AREA IS
STILL PROJECTED AS THE MAIN GROWTH AREA FOR SOVIET OIL
PRODUCTION, THIS DECLINE IN THE PROJECTED RATE OF INCREASE

COULD BE PORTENTOUS FOR THE EARLY 1980S. THE EKGAZ
"SURVEY" MAKES CLEAR THAT CONTINUED GROWTH OF OIL OUTPUT
DEPENDS DIRECTLY ON CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER CAPITAL
INVESTMENT. WHILE IT MENTIONS A FEW WAYS TO MAKE SOME
OPERATIONS MORE EFFICIENT, WE SEE NOTHING IN ITS TONE TO
INDICATE THAT INVESTMENT IS BEING INCREASED ABOVE
PREVIOUSLY PLANNED LEVELS. NOR DOES THE ARTICLE MENTION TH
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THE FACT THAT PRODUCTION COSTS ARE RISING. TOON

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